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The Golden Rule



Dear Friends,

To sit in the Chamber of the United States House of Representatives, just feet away from His Holiness Pope Francis, and hear firsthand his message of hope and healing, justice and equality, and compassion and cooperation, was [an incredible experience](#). As a lifelong, devoted member of the Catholic Church and as a public servant, it was a [humbling and inspiring opportunity](#).

His message was eloquent and simple. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Invoking the Golden Rule we were taught as children, Pope Francis issued an edict for all Americans to be more understanding and cooperative. He called on us to fight for the common good in the spirit of unity – the spirit that makes the United States so great.

The challenges we face are complex, but the attitude we must approach them with is not. Be kind. Listen to others. Be genuine. Too often, our public discourse has devolved. We pick sides and

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INSTAGRAMMING

Rep. Langevin is on Instagram! Get exclusive posts about business visits, events in Rhode Island and meetings in DC by following him @RepJimLangevin. >>

FAST FACT

YouthBuild Providence, which recently received a \$1.1 million federal grant, provides vocational training and academic opportunities for at-risk students. >>

In Other News

TOWN HALL

An article in *The Boston Globe* on Rep. Langevin's Town Hall meeting featured

close out opportunities. As Pope Francis said, we “discard whatever proves troublesome.” It can’t be that way if we are to realize his vision of a more peaceful, compassionate world where all people are treated equally and have the same ability to succeed. [His words resonated with me](#), and I work every day to be a good person and a worthy representative of my constituents.

In the halls of Congress, in our neighborhoods and schools, and as part of the global community, we must all recommit ourselves to working together, across ideologies, to build a better future.

Share your ideas on how I can better serve our state. Reach out to me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Fighting Fire with Policy

In 2003, Rhode Islanders were devastated by the death of 100 friends and neighbors in the Station Nightclub Fire. Ever since that tragedy, I have been fighting hard in Congress to increase access to lifesaving sprinkler systems. I introduced the [Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act](#) last month to create tax incentives for property owners to install automatic fire sprinkler systems. Fire sprinklers are proven to save lives, and [this bill would make our communities safer](#).



Preserving a Lifeline

Rhode Island’s unemployment rate is on the decline, but unemployment insurance remains a vital safety net that makes it possible for those who are out of work to look aggressively for a stable job that will allow them to provide for their families. To preserve this program and protect it from potential fraud or abuse, our state has [received nearly \\$2.4 million in federal funds](#).

his accessibility to constituents. >>

DRAWING A LINE

As co-chair of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus and a leader on cybersecurity, Rep. Langevin urged strong continued action against Chinese hackers. >>

KIDS FIRST

Rep. Langevin, who co-chairs the Congressional Foster Youth Caucus, called a GAO study on re-homing a call to action to protect adopted children. >>

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

In honor of community advocate George Redman, Rep. Langevin helped dedicate the Washington Bridge Linear Park. >>

CYBER CONCERNS

Rep. Langevin suggested legislative proposals may help increase the pressure on the Chinese government to rein in hackers. >>

HIGH RISK, HIGH REWARD

As the Warwick Fire Department faces significant challenges in protecting new development projects, Rep. Langevin celebrated a \$949,000 grant for high-risk training. >>

BOOST FOR CCAP

Rep. Langevin supported Comprehensive Community Action Program in their pursuit of a \$929,000 federal grant to expand primary care partners. >>

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